

REMARKS:

In the Office Action dated September 29, 2006, claims 1-17, in the above-identified U.S. patent application were subject to restriction. Claims 1-17 have been canceled and new claims 18 - 31 have been added to the application.

Originally filed claims 1-17 were use claims which were submitted in Europe because method of treatment claims are not permitted in Europe. Claims 1-17 have been canceled and new claims added to the application directed to methods for treating short stature and a pharmaceutical product used in the method.

Applicants hereby elect group I with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the claims are now directed to a method for treating short stature and a pharmaceutical product used in the method and thus all of the new claims share a special technical feature, the treatment of short stature. In view of the cancellation of claims 1-17 and the addition of new claims to the application, applicants request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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